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1. The Sovietization of the Polish Army continues apace, and the Polish Army as such no longer exists. At the present time it is impossible to predict in what manner the Polish Army will conduct itself in the event of a future war with the West; the post-war attitude of the West will be taken into consideration. The Poles believe that the Polish Army will never be used as an independent body but will be merged with Soviet units. The Russian language has been taught sufficiently long in the Polish Army so that the Polish soldiers are already able to execute commands given in Russian.
2. Because the Soviets in Poland are guilty of so many errors and misdemeanors, the Poles, notwithstanding the attitude of the western nations, are heartened, withal, to continue their difficult and solitary struggle. The behavior of the Soviet soldiers in the Szczecin (Stettin) garrison, for example, evokes deep hatred among the Poles and this is one of the main factors why the Poles will resist submission to the Soviets. Instances of rape, attacks, and robberies are frequent, and sometimes murders are committed. At night, groups of drunken Soviet soldiers commit rape and tear off their victims' clothes which they later sell. On 19 February, at midnight, in the street fronting the Hotel Gryf, Soviet soldiers killed a man who had come to the aid of a woman being raped.

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